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**Subject:** Please be fair and don't reward Microsoft for breaking the law.

I believe the proposed settlement is not punitive enough for past behavior nor will it be very effective to deter future strong arm tactics by Microsoft. At this point, the company has assured itself a comfortable distance ahead of all major competitors. However, as the linux and Macintosh OS community continue to try to gain market share, Microsoft has moved onto conquer new frontiers.

It is important for the DOJ to focus on the future. The past damage is done, but Microsoft continues to use tactics which act against the spirit of the law. The masses will continue to take the route Microsoft and AOL plan for them. However, there are many innovative small companies and grass roots type programmers who would like to continue to innovate. Please don't allow Microsoft to continue to place barriers in their way.

Thank you,  
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